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Libertarian For President Campaign

Dear David:

I am writing to request some clarification from you about a quote attributed to you in Human Events and to provide you with some information about the Libertarian Party and the obligations of the campaign of its Presidential candidate. My purpose is to clear up what I hope is only inconsequential confusion and to elicit your continuing interest in and support for the LP and the 1984 Presidential campaign.

The relevant portion of the Human Events quote attributed to you is: "If they tend to be hard-core libertarian, that is, advocating abolition of the IRS and unilateral disarmament, then I will definitely not associate myself with them." For purposes of this discussion, I will assume you were quoted accurately. If you were not, please let me know.

The LP Platform has for several years contained a plank advocating the termination of the federal income tax and the IRS. Conversely, the LP Platform has never contained a plank advocating unilateral disarmament and no such proposal has ever reached the Convention floor during platform debates.

As the LP Presidential Candidate I am required by our Bylaws to adhere to the Platform and even in the absence of any such Bylaw provision I would be morally compelled to do so. We do not run "personality" presidential or vice-presidential candidates who may run off in political directions of their own choosing; the LP demands that its candidates represent mainstream, middle-of-the road LP views as expressed in the Platform and Statement of Principles.

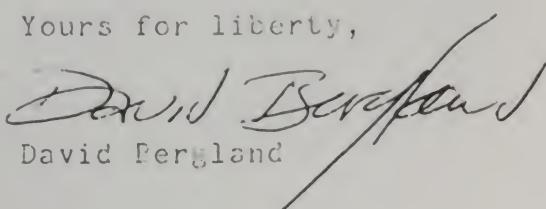
Two conclusions follow from the above. First, abolition of the IRS should not be characterized as a "hard-core libertarian" position and the LP's Presidential candidate should be commended by LP activists for advocating it, not attacked. Second, unilateral disarmament is not an LP view at all, the LP Presidential candidate cannot therefore advocate it and to suggest that he would is misleading and unfair.

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As you know, Human Events is a conservative journal which fears the effect of the LP and libertarian thought on the American political scene and particularly on the future prospects of Ronald Reagan. The subhead on the article even asked: "Will Party Hurt Reagan?" Predictably, they did not intend to make the LP look good and probably never will. One lesson I have learned from this experience is that we should avoid giving them, or anyone else, ammunition gratuitously.

I am looking forward to a long and rewarding campaign which will build our Party to much higher levels of membership, activism, competence and influence in the political debates of 1984 and beyond. With your continued support, and that of thousands of others, we can achieve those realistic and optimistic goals. Thanks for letting me share these thoughts with you. Let us continue working together for common goals.

Yours for liberty,


David Bergland

cc: Ed Clark

David H. Koch
Executive Vice President
Chemical Technology Group



Oct. 12, 1983

Mr. David P. Bergland
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Dear David:

I received your letter of September 20 and after some thought I would like to respond to your comments as follows in this letter.

The Human Events article you referred to quoted me accurately. Your conduct during the forthcoming Presidential campaign is of great concern to me and since I do not know you at all well I must assume you might be capable of saying anything, including statements which I would consider extremely radical. I look forward with great interest to learning the positions you will be taking on all the major issues to be discussed during the campaign.

Personally, I believe thoroughly in the principles enunciated in the Libertarian Party platform. They are a statement of desirable objectives for our society to achieve. The analogy in the world of physics of the inability of scientists to refrigerate to temperatures approaching absolute zero but not actually to reach it is an apt one. Both a Libertarian society and absolute zero are goals worth striving for but are probably not reachable within our lifetimes. I feel that the Libertarian Party platform speaks to theoretical Libertarian principles and does not take a position of the most effective strategy of achieving these principles. Instead, it leaves the choice of the best strategy to follow up to each individual political campaigner.

In my opinion the most effective strategy for the Libertarian Presidential campaign to pursue is to advocate a gradual rollback of government functions and controls in a responsible manner. The process should be a step by step removal of the most onerous and objectionable layers of government first and then on to the next most undesirable layer as a second phase objective, and so on, gradually approaching in this manner the objectives stated in the Libertarian platform. Advocating instantaneous implementation of the Libertarian platform I believe is totally unrealistic and if by some miracle it were accomplished overnight the country would be thrown into utter chaos. Non-government organizations will develop at a steady pace to replace government functions as they are eliminated one by one. However, since huge shifts of people, resources, and thinking are required, a fair amount of time must be allowed for this to happen. If you choose to run a campaign which advocates instantaneous installation of the Libertarian platform I predict the electorate will see you as irresponsible, a radical, and will not take you seriously to any extent.

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Mr. David Bergland
Oct. 13, 1983

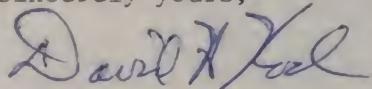
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The effect of the hard core Libertarian approach in my opinion will result in a tremendous reduction in financial support, a great fall-off in media coverage and publicity, and a major loss of support by many responsible people in this country who are beginning to be stimulated by our ideas. I predict that with this approach the vote total in November 1984 will be greatly reduced from those we received four years ago. The vote totals are after all the ultimate test of the success of a political party. This unhappy result will have a shattering negative consequence for the future of our party.

I think that the most radical and extreme positions that are possible for the Libertarian Presidential candidate to advocate at this time and still be taken seriously are those approximately what were put forth by Ed Clark and myself during our campaign in 1980. If you go much further towards hard core Libertarian positions than that, then as I have said before, the consequences will be very negative. If you choose to take positions similar to those Clark and I advocated then I will support you and the party financially. However, if you choose to be more extreme, then I will have to disassociate myself in every way from your endeavor. I do not choose to be seen as ridiculous and impractically radical.

Please consider carefully before deciding what course you will follow. As you know, I have spent millions of dollars over many years supporting the Libertarian movement. If you choose hard line strategy it will be a very severe and demoralizing blow to me.

Sincerely yours,



David H. Koch

cc: Mr. Ed Clark
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March 6, 1984

Mr. Bill Evers, National Campaign Manager
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Dear Bill,

I would be interested in getting an advance copy of the Bergland campaign literature, plus the video tape of his TV interview.

I understand he also appeared on the national interview program called "Cross Fire." If you have a video tape of that appearance I would appreciate receiving it.

My video system is VHS. Many thanks.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David".

David H. Koch

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February 28, 1984

David H. Koch
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Dear David,

I'm writing to thank you again for your assistance to the Cassandra Moore campaign--assistance which I have kept private within libertarian circles. As I recall, you do not wish to be known as a donor to local races.

I thought that as a substantial donor to the Moore campaign, you would be interested in the enclosed retrospective on the campaign.

I know that you are interested in how Bergland presents Libertarian issues to the public. If you are interested I would be happy to send you an advance copy of a proposed Bergland issues leaflet and a VHS or Betamax tape of a TV interview with Bergland on "Mid-Morning Los Angeles."

I think Bergland does a creditable job of presenting the Libertarian position on this TV interview program. Since this program was shown, Bergland has had two full days of intensive speech coaching and is a noticeably more effective speaker.

If you are interested, please drop me a note as to whether you have access to a VHS or a Betamax system.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Evers
National Campaign Manager

March 27, 1984

Mr. David H. Koch
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Dear David,

Enclosed is a photocopy of a Bergland leaflet that is forthcoming.

Also in the works are three other hand-outs. One is the Bergland equivalent of the small green Clark cards and earlier LP blue cards and blue and orange MacBride cards. The second is a Spanish-language piece emphasizing our stance on immigration. The third is a softball "entry-level" piece that will ask the recipient to fill out and return a 3-question survey. This is designed to gather names for later follow-up.

I have also enclosed a VCR tape of Bergland on "Crossfire," "Nightline," "Mid-morning LA," and CNN's "Take 2."

The campaign is going very well. Thank you for your continuing interest.

Sincerely,

Williamson M. Evers
Campaign Manager